

DRAFT
BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING

November 20, 2008
Rio Grande Depot Board Room
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Michael Homer, chair
Chere Romney
Greg Thompson
Michael Winder
Ron Coleman
Claudia Berry
Bob McPherson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Korral Broschinsky, consultant
NaVee Vernon, Boyden Building
Anita Lews, Boyden Building
Kelly Beck, PLPCO
Chuck Tarver, West Jordan City
Catharine DeLong, Logan
Wally Cooper, Park City

ABSENT:

Martha Bradley, vice chair

EXCUSED:

Maria Garciaz
Max Smith
Scott Christensen

Staff:

Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture
Phil Notarianni
Wilson Martin
Cory Jensen
Kent Powell
Lynette Lloyd
New Staff Members: Heidi Orchard, Lori Hunsaker, Michele Elnicky

WELCOME

Michael Homer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7 BOARD MEETING

Greg Thompson made a motion to approve the September 11, 2008 minutes. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

2009 BOARD MEETING/RETREAT DATES

The Board agreed on the following meeting dates for 2009:

Thursday, February 19

Thursday, June 18

Thursday, August 13 – Retreat (This Is The Place State Park)

Thursday, September 17

Thursday, November 19

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

Please refer to the following criteria:

- A) Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B) Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C) Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

The Boyden Block, Coalville, presented by Cory Jensen.

The Boyden Block, built in 1906, is a two-part commercial block building in the Victorian Eclectic commercial style. The building is significant under Criterion A for its contribution to the history of Coalville, Utah. For more than one-hundred years the Boyden Drugstore was a vital resource to the citizens of the somewhat isolated town, and the Boyden family, important contributors to their community. The second floor was used as a millinery shop, a law office and the large back room used for dances, socials, and other community gatherings. The building is also significant under Criterion C for architecture. The Boyden Block has a low-pitch roof hidden behind a decorative parapet, and represents a transition between Utah's early false-front commercial buildings and the more substantial flat-roof buildings that replaced them. The parapet and cornice are particularly ornate and demonstrate the prominence of the Boyden family in the community. The Boyden Block has recently undergone a comprehensive rehabilitation to reverse modifications made to the storefront and retail space in the 1960s. The rehabilitation is a federal historic preservation tax credit project and has returned the building to its place as an important historical resource on Coalville's Main Street.

Greg Thompson made the motion to approve the Boyden Block for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Claudia Berry seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

The Crockett House, Logan, presented by Cory Jensen.

The Crockett House, a two-story brick Victorian Gothic-style house built in two phases between circa 1887 and 1915, is significant under Criteria A and C for its contributions to the history and architecture of Logan, Utah. The house was home to two mayors of Logan, Alvin D. Crockett and his son, John A. Crockett. Alvin Crockett built the oldest portion of the home for his second polygamous wife, Annie Peel Crockett. It was later home to John Crockett and his wife, Anna H. Crockett, who expanded the house in 1915. Both Crockett families made significant contributions to the development of Logan. The street where the home is located was named Crockett Avenue during the time the Crockett family lived in the area. Alvin Crockett was a mason and built the original home around 1887. At the time it was one of the first brick dwellings, and one of the most elaborate homes in the Island neighborhood of east Logan. The house is a unique hybrid of the Gothic Revival and Eastlake style with an early twentieth-century bungalow style addition in 1915. The house is an excellent example of two popular late nineteenth-century styles, the Gothic Revival and the Eastlake, combined by a local builder, Alvin Crockett. The updated look in the early twentieth century was representative of both the popularity of the bungalow and the Crockett family's prosperity. The period of significance covered the time the Crockett family lived in the house between circa 1887 and 1928. The Crockett House is in excellent condition and is a contributing resource in Logan, Utah.

Michael Winder made the motion to approve the Crockett House for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Bob McPherson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

The Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory, West Jordan, presented by Cory Jensen

The Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory in West Jordan, Utah, is a large industrial complex, built in phases between 1916 and 1955. It is eligible under Criterion A as one of the best extant examples of Utah's sugar industry in the twentieth century. The production of beet sugar contributed substantially to Utah's economy for nearly a century. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company was the largest and most profitable of Utah's beet sugar producers. The West Jordan sugar factory was the only successful sugar factory in the Salt Lake Valley and became one of the company's regional centers of production after the company's first plant in Lehi, Utah, was closed in 1924. The West Jordan sugar factory gained prominence for the various research facilities housed on site where scientists developed disease-resistant and increasingly productive strains of sugar beets. The West Jordan complex was second only to the sugar factory at Garland, Utah, in the length of time in continuous operation and the amount of sugar produced. After the closure of the factory in 1971, the West Jordan facility continued as a storage and distribution center until 1980. The complex includes three historic buildings and two historic structures built within the period of significance from 1916 to 1958. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory is a contributing historic resource of West Jordan and represents the contribution of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company to the history of Utah.

Greg Thompson made the motion to approve the Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Ron Coleman seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

Review of the Ellsworth J. Beggs House in Park City, presented by Cory Jensen. This property had been approved for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The current owner is Cooper Roberts Simonsen Architecture. Cory introduced Wally Cooper, Principal of Cooper Roberts Simonsen Architecture. Wally explained the intense process of moving the building six feet closer to the street and the side property line as recorded in the letter sent to the National Park Service. He reported to the Board that the building had already been moved.

The following is the National Register Nomination Narrative Statement of Significance summary in 1984 for the Ellsworth J. Beggs House:

Built c. 1907, the Ellsworth J. Beggs House at 703 Park is architecturally significant as one of about four extant two story box houses in Park City, three of which are well preserved and included in the nomination. The two story box is closely tied with the pyramid house, one of three major house types in Park City. Like the pyramid house, it has a nearly square form, a pyramid or truncated hip roof, and a porch spanning the facade. It varies in size from the pyramid house, being a full two stories, as compared with the one or one and one half stories of the pyramid house. The two story box was not common in Park City, but judging from the range of extant buildings in Park City, it seems to have been the preferred design choice for a sizeable Park City house. All of the extant examples of this house are located on prominent sites along Park Avenue, the most prestigious street in Park City, further documenting the significance of this house type as one chosen by those who were seeking more than a utilitarian dwelling.

Wilson Martin explained that the Board is being asked to approve that the property remains eligible for the National Register.

Michael Winder made the motion to approve that the property remains eligible on the National Register of Historic Places. Claudia Berry seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

UTAH HISTORICAL QUARTERLY WHITE PAPER

The white paper has been prepared at the request of the Board of State History to help understand the history of the *Utah Historical Quarterly* and the decisions that have been made about its content, production and distribution.

Greg Thompson made the motion to approve and accept the white paper recommendations as presented. Claudia Berry seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Michael Homer suggested that images be extended on the back cover of the *Quarterly*.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF EDITORS

Kent Powell recommended to the Board the approval to reappoint Gary Topping, Paul Reeve and Nancy Tanguichi for an additional three year term.

Ron Coleman made the motion to approve reappointment for Gary Topping, Paul Reeve and Nancy Tanguichi for three year terms. Greg Thompson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATABASES PRESENTATION

Cory Jensen gave a presentation on the National Register databases that is online. There is a link to this information on the division website.

DIVISION INITIATIVES

The Utah legislative special session in October requested a three percent cut to the general budget. The actual cut for the division ended at four percent, however Palmer has been very supportive and the Department covered one percent. Fiscal year 2009's base budget is currently four percent less. They are now asking for another five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten percent for fiscal year 2010. When the division begins looking at seven percent, about \$140,000, a reduction in force would be considered. The cuts must come from ongoing funding and for fiscal year 2009, the division will not be able to carry over funds. The budget cuts have taken the majority of the division's time and attention.

Michael Homer stated that the Board should support the division at this critical time and attend the legislative appropriation committee meetings in January. The division will notify the Board of the upcoming date.

Phil invited the Board to review the 2008 Annual Report.

ADJOURN

Greg Thompson made the motion to adjourn. Claudia Berry seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009 in the Rio Grande Board Room